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SUBJECT: UNIFIL: DECISION TO PERMIT RESUPPLY TO
- PALESTINIANS
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REPORT BY JONAH PARA 1 REF A THAT UNNY HAD JUST RECEIVED
MESSAGE MAY 26 FROM UNIFIL HEADQUARTERS THAT "THE
GENERALS" ARE NOW COMPLETELY IN AGREEMENT WITH UNNY
INSTRUCTIONS TO PERMIT RESUPPLY OF PALESTINIANS IS AT
VARIANCE WITH CONVERSATION I HAD WITH GENERAL SIILASVUO
YESTERDAY EVENING (MAY 26) AT FINNISH AMBASSADOR'S DINNER.
SIILASVUO TOOK ME ASIDE AND REPEATED ESSENCE OF WHAT HE
HAD TOLD CONSUL GENERAL NEWLIN IN REF B AND REITERATED
HIS STRONG OPPOSITION TO UN INSTRUCTIONS IN THIS REGARD.
I TOLD HIM I HAD RECEIVED HIGHLY RESTRICTIVE MESSAGE
REPORTING HIS CONVERSATION WITH NEWLIN AND THAT OUR UN
MISSION HAD BEEN ASKED TO INTERCEDE WITH UNNY TO ASK
THAT PLO REP TERZI NOT BE INFORMED FOR TIME BEING OF UN
INSTRUCTION. (I ALSO TOLD HIM THAT NEWLIN HAD RECOMMENDED
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THIS BE DONE IN SUCH A WAY AS TO PROTECT SIILAVUSO AS THE
SOURCE OF OUR INFORMATION.) SIILAVUSO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION
FOR NEWLIN'S HELP AND REITERATED THAT HE THOUGHT IT
ESSENTIAL THAT UN INSTRUCTIONS BE CHANGED. HE GAVE NO
INDICATION THAT HE WAS AWARE OF THE CLARIFICATION OF UNNY
INSTRUCTION SET OUT BY JONAH IN REF A, WHICH I DID NOT
SEE UNTIL MORNING MAY 27. IN ANY CASE, SIILASVUO COULD

NOT HAVE BEEN INCLUDED AMONG "THE GENERALS" WHO ARE
SUPPOSEDLY IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT WITH UNNY
INSTRUCTIONS. WHETHER JONAH'S CLARIFICATIONS WILL MAKE
PROPOSAL MORE AGREEABLE TO SIILASVUO I DO NOT KNOW.
SIILASVUO RETURNS TO JERUSALEM TODAY AND PRESUMABLY WILL
BE IN TOUCH WITH CONSUL GENERAL NEWLIN. MATTHEWS

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